
A D D R E S S
TO THE
INHABITANTS of the Parish of ST. MARY-LE-BONE,
FROM THE
COMMITTEE of ASSOCIATION,
Appointed at a General Meeting of the said Parish on the 29th January 1793;
and continued to the present Time:
TOGETHER WITH
A PLAN for carrying such Association into Effect.

*14th JUNE 1797. This was a fine
cool period for this Country.*

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That sincerely attached to our excellent Constitution, established in King, Lords, and Commons, and truly sensible of the just Blessings which we enjoy under it, We hold ourselves bound in Duty and Gratitude at all Times to assist, by endeavouring to support and maintain that Constitution, and to contribute every Assistance in our Power, collectively and individually, to the due Execution of the Laws, the Maintenance of civil Order and Government, and the immediate Suppression of all Riots and Tumults within the Parish of St. Mary-le-Bone, under whatsoever Pretence they may be excited.

Resolved, also UNANIMOUSLY, That as Preparation to meet a threatened Danger is often the Means of averting it, and Prevention is always better than Remedy, We, though fully confiding in the known Zeal, Loyalty, and Bravery of the Army and Militia of the Nation, yet desirous of giving more ample Scope to their Exertions at the present important Crisis, Do, for the Purpose of preserving Tranquillity in this Parish, and in order to use our utmost Endeavours to protect and defend the Lives and Properties of its Inhabitants, hereby recommend the following PLAN to be adopted by the Parish, generally and individually.

PLAN

PLAN for a GENERAL ASSOCIATION of the Inhabitants of the Parish of ST. MARY-LE-BONE, to serve without Pay, for the Protection thereof, in case of any Emergency, at the Requisition of the Civil Power; ~~which Plan has been submitted by the Committee of Association to the Secretary of State, and has received His MAJESTY's Approbation.~~

1. THAT no Persons be admitted unless introduced by Two or more Householders, Members of the said Association, and approved of by the Majority of the Association assembled by previous Notice, or of any Committee appointed thereby, by Vote or Ballot, as shall have been before determined by the Association itself.

2. That it be recommended to such of this Association who shall be able and willing to give Time from their several Occupations, to provide themselves with the necessary Arms and Accoutrements of Cavalry or Infantry, and to attend to be trained, and learn the Use of such Arms.

3. That it be recommended to Persons associating, and who may not chuse to meet to exercise, to provide themselves with a Pike Nine Feet long, and a Girdle, with a Brace of Pistols, or Sword. But each Class of Pikemen may be mustered with their Arms by its Captain, at such convenient and stated Time and Place as he shall appoint; and that a Specimen of the Pike be kept at the Court House. *see the word Pike -*

4. That the Inhabitants of the said Parish who shall have associated themselves for such Purposes, be divided into Classes of Fifty each, whether Cavalry, Infantry, or Pikemen; which Divisions shall be made as much as possible by Streets and Squares contiguous to each other. *also may be done, of at new Bury: wet -*

5. That every Class be commanded by an Inhabitant of the Parish, who shall be appointed by the said Class, and approved of by the Committee of Association, and recommended by such Committee to the Lord Lieutenant of the County, and considered as Captain of the Class, and act as such under a Commission from HIS MAJESTY.

6. That each Class shall also nominate a Lieutenant, and Cornet or Ensign, (being Inhabitants of the Parish, and constantly resident therein,) to be approved of by the Committee.

7. That each Class shall carry Standards, or Colours, to be numbered; the Number to be determined by Lot. The Standards or Colours of every Class to be the same, of a plain Red, with the Words, *St. Mary-le-Bone Association*, in Black, upon them.

8. That in numbering the Classes, the Cavalry, Infantry, and Pikemen, shall be kept distinct from each other.

9. That the Cavalry, Infantry, and Pikemen shall, with respect to the Classes of each Description, take Rank according to the Number drawn by each Class.

10. That in order to prevent the Expence of an uniform Dress, the Persons associating, when acting in the Defence of the Parish, shall wear a Piece of Scarlet Cloth, Two Inches and a Half broad, tied round the

the Right Arm, with the Letters St. M. A. in Black; and the Number of their respective Clafs, agreeable to a Pattern left at the Court Houfe.

11. That each Captain fhall appoint a particular Rendezvous for his own Clafs.

12. That the Court Houfe fhall be the General Rendezvous of the Parifh.

13. That all the Claffes fhall, in cafe of Alarm, immediately repair to fuch General Rendezvous, and be there ready to obey fuch Orders as may be given by the Magiftrates and Officers for protecting and defending the Tranquillity of the Parifh.

see my prompt method of loading a musket with the assistance of a Ram-rod
14. That Three Books be prepared at the Court Houfe in Oxford Street, to infert the Names and Places of Abode of thofe who may chufe to affociate either as Cavalry, Infantry, or Pikemen, for the Defence of this Parifh.

15. That as fome fmall Expences muft neceffarily be incurred for carrying this Affociation into Execution, a Subscription be opened; where every Perfon may fubfcribe any fmall Sum, not exceeding the Amount of Five Shillings, to defray fuch Expences.

16. That every Member of the Affociation be requested to fign at the Court Houfe his Name and Place of Abode, and the Sum fubfcribed, in one of the Books prepared for that Purpofe, and pay his Subscription to Mr. JONES, who is hereby appointed Treasurer for receiving the fame.

a man entirely unacquainted with the use of a musket
17. That any Female Houfeholder who may wifh to fupport this Plan, fhall be, and is hereby requested to authorize Two Houfeholders, Members of this Affociation, to fign her Name, and to attest, by the Authority of their Signatures, her Approbation of fuch Plan, and Subscription to the fame.

18. That any fuch Female Houfeholder may, in Concurrence with any other Houfeholder, Member of the Affociation, recommend proper Perfons to be enrolled in the Affociation, under the Mode adopted for the Enrolment of other Members thereof.

load and fire two shots for one in half an hour
19. That the Majority of any Clafs fhall be empowered to reject from that Clafs any Individual who fhall appear to them to be an unfit Member thereof.

20. That a Lift of the Members of each Clafs be made out, and a Copy lodged with each Member in that Clafs, together with a Copy of fuch Instructions, figned by the Captain of the Clafs, as may be found neceffary for their more speedy training, arming, and collecting together in cafe of Alarm, and for any other Regulations that may be thought neceffary.

21. That no Perfon of any Clafs be required to go out of the Parifh ~~without his own Confent.~~



SOMMERS, Chairman.